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SUBJ: MAURITANIAN REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT

REFS: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 840(NOTAL); (B) NOUAKCHOTT 847
(NOTAL); (C) USUN 3303(NOTAL); (D) ROME 9970(NOTAL);
(E) STATE 186022(NOTAL)

1. (A) AID/W WILL REQUEST DOD ADD ONE C-130 TO AUTHENTIC
ASSISTANCE AIRLIFT NLT 10/1/73 MEET GIRM REQUEST, AFTER
EXPLORING WITH WILLIAMS POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF ACFT PRESENT-
LY FLYING MALI AIRLIFT. WILLIAMS RETURNING AID/W THIS WEEK-
END; (B) CONTINGENT UPON FRG AND GOL DECISIONS CONCERNING
EXTENSION THEIR PLANES, AID/W PREPARED REQUEST SECOND PLANE
MEET GIRM NEEDS; (C) INFORMATION NEEDED PERMIT AID/W CON-
SIDER REQUESTING DOD SUPPLY C-47 TO SUPPLEMENT NORD ATLASES
ON KIFFA-AYOUN-NEMA RUN; AND (D) REQUEST SPECIFICS CONCERN-
ING FAO GROUND SUPPORT OFFER.

2. WELCOME RECEIPT REFTELS, PARTICULARLY REFTEL (A), WHICH
CONTAINS THOROUGH ANALYSIS PRESENT SITUATION AND GIRM RE-
QUEST USG ASSISTANCE. LOOK FORWARD EARLY FRG RESPONSE

OFFICIAL GIRM REQUEST EXTENSION TRANSALLS.

3. PER REFTEL (B), SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS WITH WILLIAMS CON-
CERNING DIVERSION ACFT CURRENTLY FLYING MALI AIRLIFT,
AID/W PREPARED REQUEST DOD MAKE AVAILABLE MINIMUM ONE/
MAXIMUM TWO USAF C-130S FOR USE IN MAURITANIA, TO BEGIN
OPERATION NLT OCTOBER 1. DEPENDENT UPON FRG DECISION PARA
2 ABOVE, AND GOL DECISIONS RETURN/REPLACE THEIR C-130

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(EMBASSY REQUESTED USE GOOD OFFICES INSURE GIRM CONSIDERS
REQUESTING EXTENSION/ADDITIONAL LIBYAN AIRLIFT), AID/W
WOULD DIVERT/ASK DOD FOR SECOND AIRCRAFT UPON GIRM REQUEST.
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND RESERVED FOR AIRLIFT.

4. REQUEST AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE COMMANDER HARP DISCUSS
LOGISTICS MAURITANIA AIRLIFT (INCLUDING SPECIFICS FAO
GROUND ASSISTANCE OFFER PER REFTEL (C) WITH AMBASSADOR

DURING NOUAKCHOTT STOPOVER. IS IT FEASIBLE DELIVER
GRAIN, MEDICINES, OR VEHICLE TO KIFFA/AYOUN (PER PARA 2
REFTEL A) WHILE RETURNING BAMAKO?

5. AID/W EXPLORING WITH DOD DIVERSION C-47 CURRENTLY IN
AFRICA AND POSSIBLY AVAILABLE NEAR FUTURE, FOR USE KIFFA/
AYOUN TO NEMA AIRLIFT. PLANE WOULD SUPPLEMENT FRENCH NORD
ATLAS(ES). DECISION TO REQUEST C-47 CONTINGENT UPON CON-
FIRMATION ADEQUATE FUEL AND OTHER SUPPLIES, PER PARA 3
REFTEL (A).

6. REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSES. DECONTROL 12/31/73. RUSH

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